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IN RE APPLICATION OF: FLADGARD, ET AL

APPLICATION No.: 09/928,259

FILED: 08/11/2001

FOR: EXTENDED LIFE CUTTING BLADES FOR HAND-HELD CUTTING TOOLS

EXAMINER: WATTS, DOUGLAS D.

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Supplemental Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Commissioner:

On 9 May 2003, the Office mailed a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (Voluntary Revised Practice), objecting to the amendment filed 18 April 2003 (the Amendment) because it failed to include a separate status identifier for each claim. For reasons explained below, the undersigned firmly believes the Amendment complies fully with 37 CFR §1.121(c) and the Notice was erroneous. To avoid any further wrangling over this issue, however, following is a revised set of claims including the requested status identifiers:

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